Central Government in 1986 has not started functioning; and

(b) if so, by when the said Institute is likely to be completed to cater to the needs of the tribal people living in the North East Region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) It has not been possible to develop necessary facilities at this Institute on account of unwillingness of qualified personnel to join and work in the Institute as well as financial constraints.

Production of Contraceptive Pill

21. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to produce the Contraceptive pill, 'centchroman' developed at the Central Drug Research Institute in adequate quantity to meet the demand;

(b) whether the Central Drug Research Institute has entered into any agreement with private sector to produce this pill in a big way; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The production of drug Centchroman, is being scaled up by M/s. Hindustan Latex Ltd., Trivandrum and M/s. Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad, to whom technology of production has been transferred by the Central Drug Research Institute. Each company envisages to commence production during 1992 and increase it in a phased manner and reach an annual production of 600 kgs., which would give 18 million tablets.

Measures for Averting Potential Births

22. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the Chinese Minister incharge of the Family Planning Programme published in the 'Times of India' of 1st June, 1992 under the caption "China averts 200 million births";

(b) whether Government have made any study of the measures adopted by China to avert 200 Million potential births through the people-friendly population control programmes;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) what steps Government have so far taken to control the growing population in India; and

(e) to what extent Government have been able to control the population (State-wise) during the last three years and likely to be checked in next five years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India are aware of the measures adopted by the Chinese Government to avert 200 million potential births through the people's friendly population control programme. The Chinese Population Policy advocates the practice of one couple one child, late marriage and late child bearing, it is backed by a strong scheme of incentives/disincentives. The Chinese couples have a constitutional obligation to practise family planning. There is a high degree of political commitment and will in China right from the national to the grass-root levels.

(d) Population Control forms an integral part of the planning process in the country. The new policies relating to Population Control aim at adopting a holietic approach. They aim at giving due importance to socio-economic factors like female literacy, status of women, empoyment of women, right age of marriage of girls, attitudinal changes in regard to strong son preference etc., besides improving the performance of the Family Welfare Programme. They recognise the importance of